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Honorable James H. Welsh, Commissioner of Conservation Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Units Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A Alabama Bend Field Bienville Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **PETROCHEM OPERATING**, INC., (Applicant), to the Commissioner of Conservation for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, Alabama Bend Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To establish 10 640 +/- acre drilling and production units for the exploration for and the production of gas and condensate for the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, Alabama Bend Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, such unit being designated CV RA SUA thru CV RA SUJ, and shown on the attached plat and being made a part hereof.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property within each of the proposed units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract to share in the unit production on a surface acreage bases of participation.
- 3. To designate a unit operator and unit well where applicable.
- 4. To provide for future wells drilled to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Alabama Bend Field be located at lease 660 feet from unit lines and 2000 feet between wells.
- 5. To permit the reclassification of the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, upon submission to and acceptance by the Office of Conservation without the necessity of a public hearing.

6. T consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem and appropriate.

The Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Alabama Bend Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is to be defined as that gas and condensate encounter between the electric log depths from 9,250 feet to 10,230 feet (electric log measurements) in the Petrochem Operating Company, Inc. Black Stone Minerals 11 No.1 Well, located in Section 11, Township 15 North, Range 10 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

The pertinent data pertaining to this application is available for inspection at the Offices of Bob F. Anderson, PE, Inc., 400 Travis Street, Suite 209, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Bob Anderson 318/425-4230 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data that is otherwise not available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A pre-application notice was sent to all parties stating a time and date for a conference to discuss the application, however, no request for a conference was received, therefore no conference was held.

Pursuant to the revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this notice of this application is being sent. A copy of this letter, list of parties and the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District Office of Conservation and a copy of this letter and plat is being sent to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and the Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Attached hereto is our check, made payable to the Office of Conservation, to cover the applicable hearing fee.

Yours truly,

B. F. Anderson, PE for

PETROCHEM OPERATING COMPANY

cc: Mr. James Broussard, District Manager Shreveport District Office of Conservation Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties Petrochem Operating Company

